

FARM CONTENT

1795

(Listed on the National Register of Historic
Places)

1221 Old New Windsor Road
Westminster

Private

Farm Content is an excellent example of rural Federal style architecture in Carroll County. The house is a two-story brick structure with a gable roof. The brick is laid in Flemish bond on three sides of the house. The stepped brick cornice includes one course laid in a sawtooth pattern. On the outside wall of the north chimney is a marble datestone inscribed "DRS 1795." The interior has a central stair hall with a single room off to each side. On the rear of the structure is a two-story ell addition which enclosed an earlier detached kitchen. The interior ornamentation includes molded chairrails and door and window frames, mantels with geometrical patterns, and stairway details. The symmetrical facade arrangement, floor plan, and the ornamental details throughout the house are representative characteristics of the rural Federal style. The property contains a complete set of farm outbuildings and has an unusual privy of an early date. The frame privy has a pyramid roof and was constructed over a stream behind the house.

The farm was established by David Shriver, who acquired the Farm Content property in 1760. Shriver was active in local politics and served at the Maryland Constitutional Convention

of 1776 and later in both the Maryland House of Delegates and Senate. He is the builder of the 1795 farmhouse, and he operated a grist mill and tannery on this property. David Shriver's son, Jacob, and grandson, Augustus, were also prominent local citizens who lived at Farm Content. Jacob served in the House of Delegates and Augustus was a successful businessman who served as President of the First National Bank of Westminster, of the Carroll County Agriculture Society, and one of the first Presidents of the Western Maryland Railway Company.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Maryland
COUNTY:	Carroll
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ENTRY DATE	

1. NAME	
COMMON:	Farm Content
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
South side of Old New Winsor Road			
CITY OR TOWN:		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:	
1/2 mile west of Md. Rt. 31		Sixth	
3 miles south of Westminster			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Maryland	24	Carroll	013

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY	
OWNER'S NAME:	Mr. and Mrs. G. Donald Riley, Jr.
STREET AND NUMBER:	Farm Content
CITY OR TOWN:	Westminster
STATE:	Maryland
CODE	24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:	
Carroll County Courthouse	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	Westminster
STATE:	Maryland
CODE	24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY:	
DATE OF SURVEY:	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:
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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: x-small;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: x-small;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: x-small;">(Check One)</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered </div> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: x-small;">(Check One)</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div> </div> </div>
<div style="font-size: x-small; margin-bottom: 5px;">DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE</div> <div style="text-align: justify;"> <p>Farm Content is situated on the south side of Old New Winsor Road, one half mile west of Maryland Route 31, three miles south of Westminster, Maryland.</p> <p>The house is of brick construction, five bays wide at the principal facade and two stories high beneath a gable roof. On three sides of the house, east, west and north, the brick walls are laid in Flemish bond, while the south end is laid in common bond. On all elevations the mortar joints are penciled in white. The centered entrance on the principal facade was enlarged in about the mid nineteenth century and the opening now frames a panelled double door and transom. Each of the two windows flanking both sides of the door are of six over six pane sash. Across the second floor level and positioned directly over those openings below are five windows, also of six over six lights each. All of the windows have flat arches of splayed stretcher bricks and louvered blinds. In the late nineteenth or early twentieth century the existing one story farm porch with six square tapered columns was built against this elevation. On both the front and rear sides are stepped brick eave cornices with one course of brick laid on the diagonal in sawtooth fashion.</p> <p>On both ends of the house the gable walls rise above the roof line to form low parapets. Single flush gable chimneys stand at each end of the roof ridge and on the outside wall of the north chimney there is a marble date plaque which reads "D R S 1795."</p> <p>On the rear elevation of the house, toward the south end, stands a two story brick wing with a recessed porch on its north side. This addition, which has a later shed roofed addition on its south side, incorporates into its plan a formerly detached one story kitchen contemporary to the main block in its date of construction.</p> <p>In the main block the first floor room configuration consists of a centered stair hall flanked by single parlors. This same room arrangement is repeated on the second floor except that there is a small room at the head of the stair where a modern bathroom is located. The stair, simple in design, rises in four flights to the attic and is characteristically Federal in both styling and detail. The south first floor room has an attractive fireplace mantle with a molded cornice shelf above a frieze decorated with applied moldings in a geometric pattern. On the right side of the mantle is a full height cupboard with doors of fielded panels. Also decorating the room is a molded chairrail and two-piece surrounds framing the doors and windows. This same treatment is repeated in the north room, except that the mantle is of a heavier styling and probably dates from about the mid nineteenth century. On the second floor level the treatment is somewhat more restrained, with simple</p> </div>	

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☒ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☒ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☒ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry☐ losophylocal history☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☒ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art☐ Architecture☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature☐ itarian☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1760 David Shriver, an ancestor of the prominent Shriver family of Carroll County, acquired the property now known as Farm Content. Shortly after the acquisition of the property David married Rebecca Ferree of a socially prominent Lancaster, Pennsylvania family. They lived in a small log house adjacent to the site where, in 1795, they were to build the existing brick house. David Shriver began the operation of a grist mill and tannery, among other occupations, and soon became a large landowner and socially prominent figure. In 1776 David Shriver was appointed to represent Frederick County at the Maryland Constitutional Convention. An active partiot, he was of sufficient consequence to be elected a member of the Convention that formally adopted and established the Maryland Constitution. In 1776 he was elected a member of the Maryland House of Delegates and twenty-eight years later was appointed to the Maryland Senate. David Shriver died in 1826 at the age of eighty and lies buried in the family cemetery at Farm Content.

Following the death of David Shriver, Jacob, his youngest son, assumed ownership of the property. Jacob served for three years (1825-28) as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, like his father representing Frederick County. (Later boundary changes placed the Shriver property in Carroll County rather than Frederick.) It was Jacob who named the property Farm Content.

At Jacob Shriver's death in 1841, the property came into the possession of Jacob's son Augustus. Augustus Shriver, to whom the alterations of the house, including the addition of the rear wing, is attributed was an active and successful businessman. He was one of the first Presidents of the Western Maryland Railroad and was a President of the First National Bank of Westminster and the Carroll County Agriculture Society.

In 1903 Farm Content left the hands of the Shriver family, but in 1969 it returned to family ownership when it was acquired by the present owners.

Farm Content is one of the finest examples of rural Federal architecture in Carroll County, and as the home of

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Carroll County Land Records. Carroll County Court House.
Westminster, Maryland.
Carroll County Tax Assessment Records. Carroll County
Office Building, Westminster, Maryland.
Frederick County Land Records. Frederick County Court House.
Frederick, Maryland.
Frederick County Register of Wills. Frederick County Court
House. Frederick, Maryland.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		39° 33' 41"	77° 03' 07"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 4 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

J. Richard Rivoire

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

January 1975

STREET AND NUMBER:

21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN:

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name

Arthur C. Townsend

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

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COUNTY Carroll	
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Farm Content

7. DESCRIPTION, continued

mantels framing the fireplaces and surrounds similar but narrow than those of the first floor, framing the doors and windows.

The front first floor room of the wing was modernized in recent years to house a modern kitchen. The remainder of the wing, including the original kitchen, was renovated for use as a private apartment and was not accessible at the time that the house was recorded.

Farm Content has several domestic dependencies arranged close to the rear of the house (see site plan). One of these is a stone chimneyed log structure sheathed with vertical boards. Another building is a frame, pyramid roofed privy (see attached drawing). This small structure is of an undetermined but early date of construction. It is entirely possible that it is contemporary to the house and if so is one of the few eighteenth century privys extant in Maryland. Near the north end of the house is the site of a log dwelling house that preceeded the present brick house. It was torn down some years ago but the site continued to yield related artifacts.

In a field northeast of the house is the Shriver family cemetery containing, among others, the grave of David Shriver, builder of Farm Content.

8. SIGNIFICANCE, continued

David Shriver, progenitor of the Shriver family in Maryland, it is recognized as a local historic landmark. Despite minor alterations and the addition of a large rear wing the house retains a sufficient enough amount of original detail to establish it as a regionally significant example of its particular form. Of the dependencies the privy is the most noteworthy. Since privys were usually the least adaptable they have nearly completely disappeared and their presence among surviving collections of domestic dependencies is becoming increasingly rare.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES, continued

Hyde, Bryden Bordley, AIA, Architect, observations of Farm Content, October 1, 1972 contained in letter dated October 2, 1972.

Inscriptions, names and dates on glass windows of Farm Content. Lynch, Branford Gist. A Hundred Years of Carroll County: Maryland, Inc. Westminster, Maryland: Decocratic Advocate Co., 1939.

Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Western Maryland. Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1882, Vol. II

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(July 1969)

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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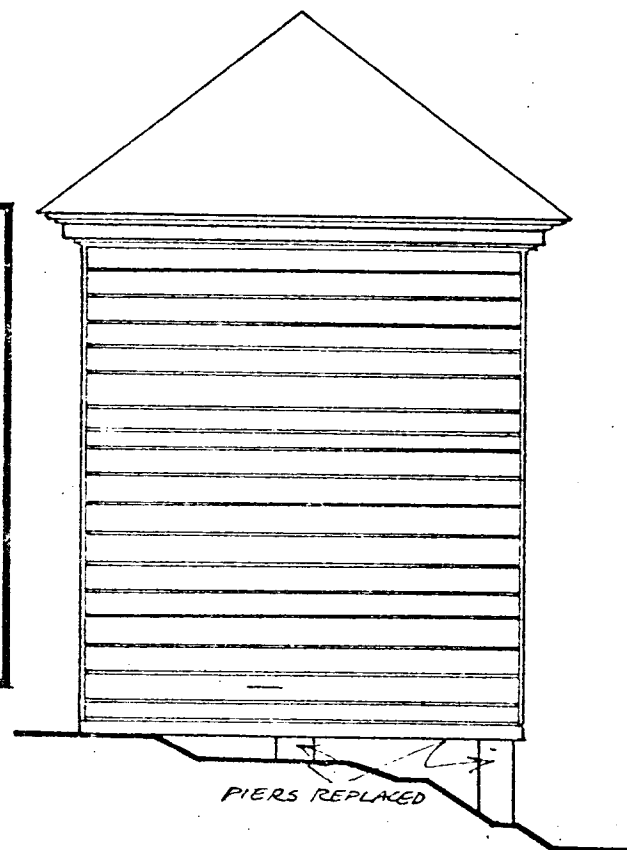
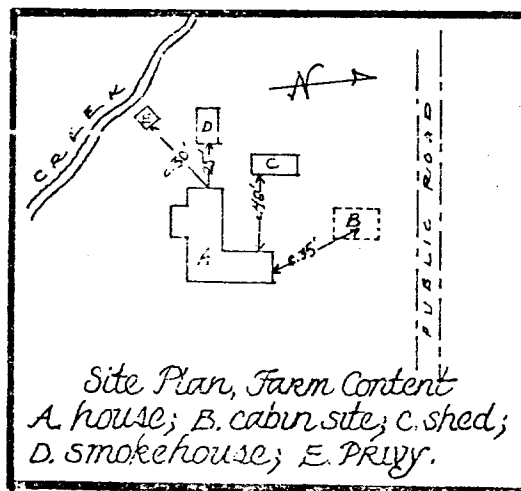
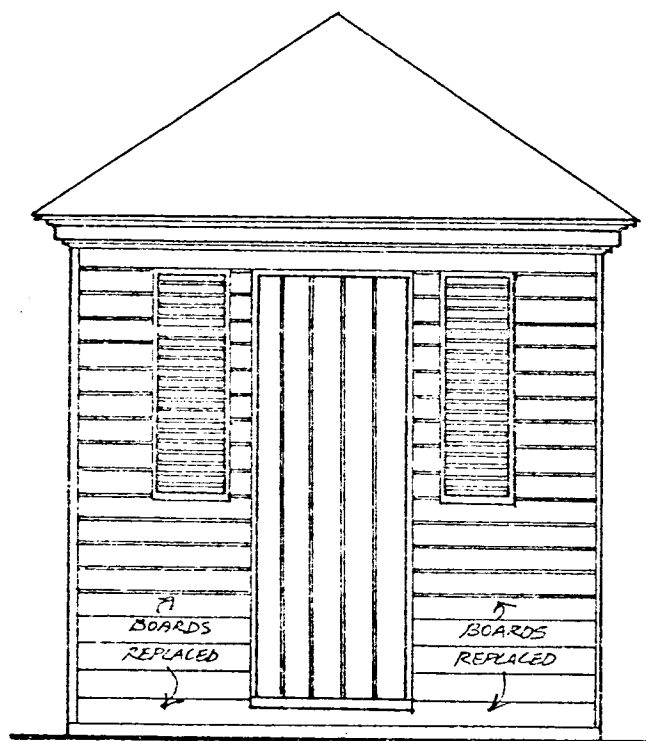
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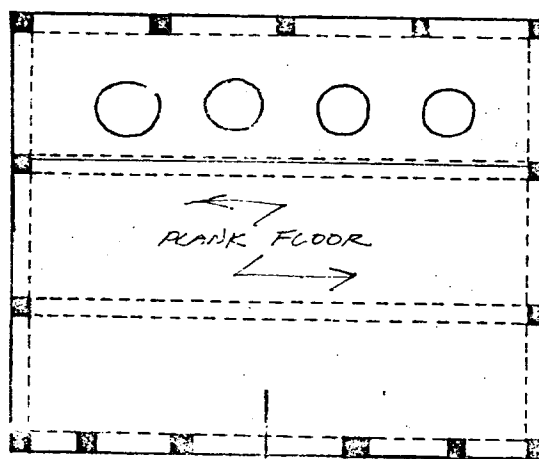
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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES, continued

Shriver, Samuel S. History of the Shriver Family 1684-1888.
Guggenheimer, Weil & Co. 1888.



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 FARM CONTENT
 CARROLL COUNTY, MD.



SCALE $\frac{3}{8}'' = 1'$
 J.R. RIVOIRE
 JAN. 1975

Form 10-301
(July 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM
(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

1. NAME COMMON Farm Content		AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)
2. LOCATION STATE Maryland		COUNTY Carroll	TOWN 3 miles south of Westminster
STREET AND NUMBER outh side of Old New Winsor Road; 1/2 mile west of Md. Rt. 31			
3. MAP REFERENCE SOURCE S.G.S. 7.5 minute map EW WINDSOR QUADRANGLE		DATE 1953	SCALE 1:24000

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW;



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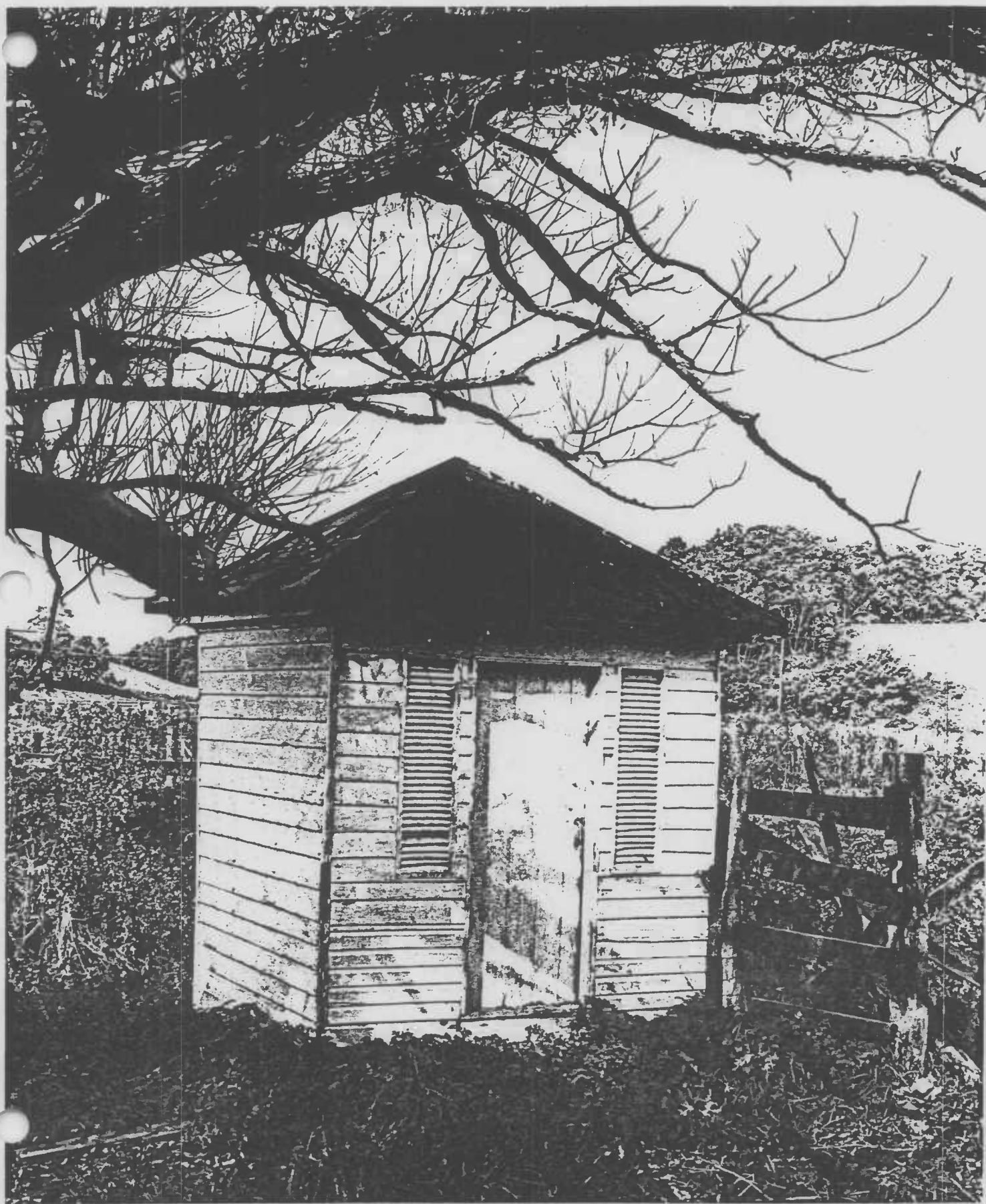
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1. NAME			
COMMON: Farm Content			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
South side of Old New Winsor Road; 1/2 mile west of Md. Rt. 31			
CITY OR TOWN:			
3 miles south of Westminster			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Maryland	24	Carroll	013
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: J. Richard Rivoire			
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Maryland Historical Trust			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

225. N. Center Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157

WESTMINSTER PLANNING DISTRICT

FIELD SHEET--HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY

SURVEY NUMBER: CARR-24

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: New Windsor MD

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE: residence

ORIGINAL USE: residence

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent () Good (X)

Fair () Poor ()

THEME:

STYLE:

DATE BUILT: 1795 (datestone)

COUNTY: CARROLL
TOWN: WESTMINSTER VICINITY

LOCATION: 1221 Old New Windsor Road

TAX MAP 45 Block 15-P-376

COMMON NAME: Farm Content (NR Site)

FUNCTIONAL TYPE:

OWNER: G. Donald Riley, Jr.
ADDRESS: 1221 Old New Windsor Road
Westminster, Md 21157

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes () No (X) Restricted ()

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local () State () National (X)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone (X) Brick () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
2. Wall Structure
 - A. Wood: Log () Post and Beam () Balloon ()
 - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick (X) Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 - C. Iron () D. Steel () E. Other
3. Wall Covering: Weatherboard () German Siding () Board and Batten ()
Wood Shingle () Shiplap () Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal (X)
Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle () Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer ()
Bonding Pattern: Flemish on 3 sides Other:
4. Roof Structure
 - A. Truss: Wood (X) Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle () Sheet Metal (X)
Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches (X) Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys () Sheds ()
Ells (X) Wings () Other:Roof Style: Gable (X) Hip () Shed () Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()
Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet (X)
With False Front () Other:

Number of Stories: 2

Number of Bays: 5 x 2

Approximate Dimensions:

Entrance Location: center

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat (X) Zoning () Roads ()

Development () Deterioration ()

Alteration () Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive (X) Negative ()

Mixed () Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Entered on National Register 6/20/1975

since then a brick bee-hive oven was discovered on the ear wall of the ell adjoining the fireplace when the modern wall was torn out for remodeling
also, the scenic environment of the property has been disturbed by the construction of an apartment building by Canell Lutheran Village on a hillside that overlooks Farm Content

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

frame privy with pyramid roof that was situated over the stream
log outbuilding

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

historical - Shriver family prominent in early Maryland politics
architectural - good example of small Federal-style architecture

REFERENCES:

1862 Martenet's Map:

1877 LG & S Atlas: Mrs. A. Shriver (Augustus)

National Register Nomination Form - prepared by J. Richard Revoire

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane () Woodland () Scattered Buildings ()
Moderately Built Up (X) Densely-Built Up ()
Residential () Commercial ()
Agricultural () Industrial ()
Roadside Strip Development ()
Other:

RECORDED BY:

Joe Getty

ORGANIZATION:

Car. Co. Planning Dept

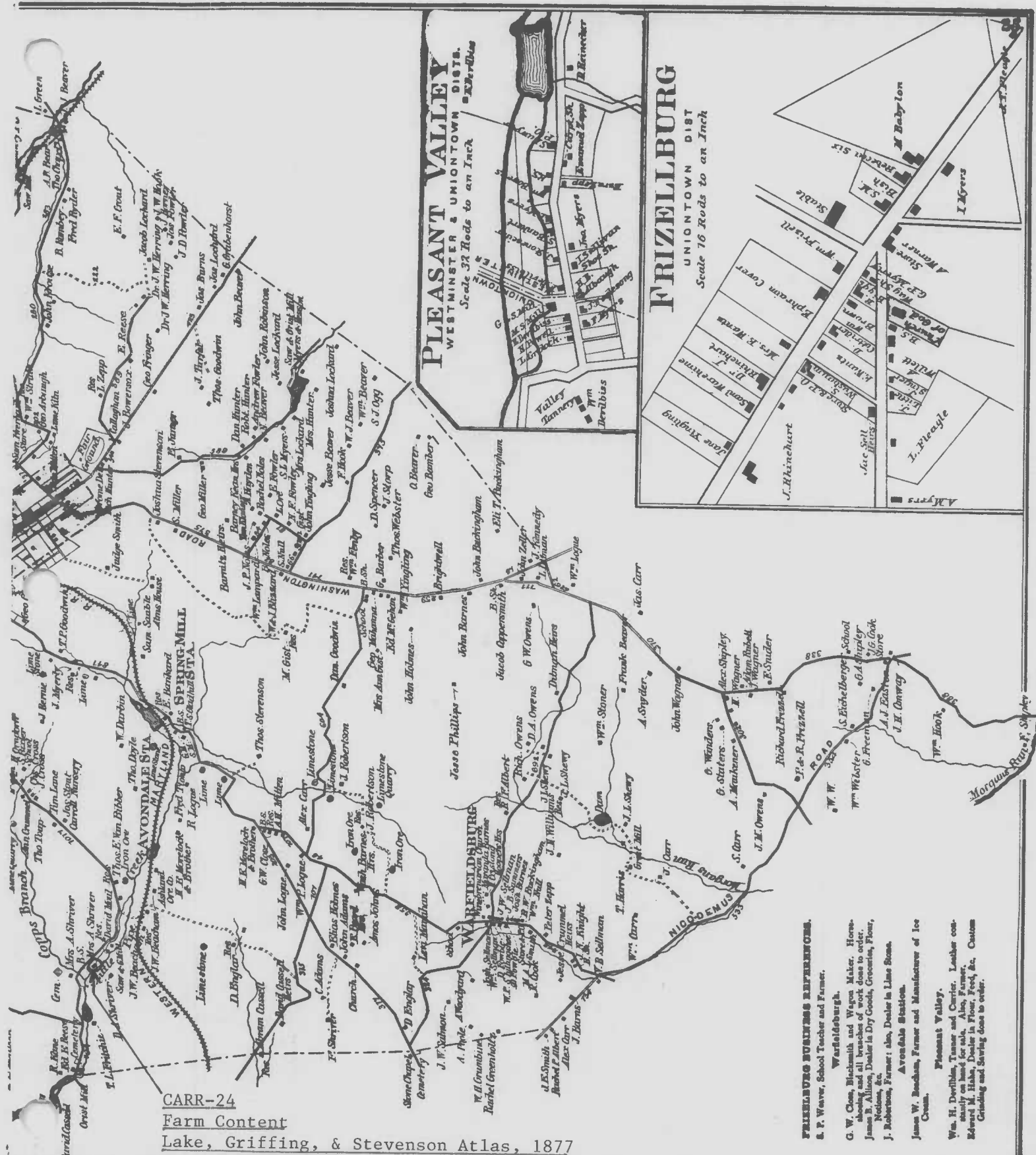
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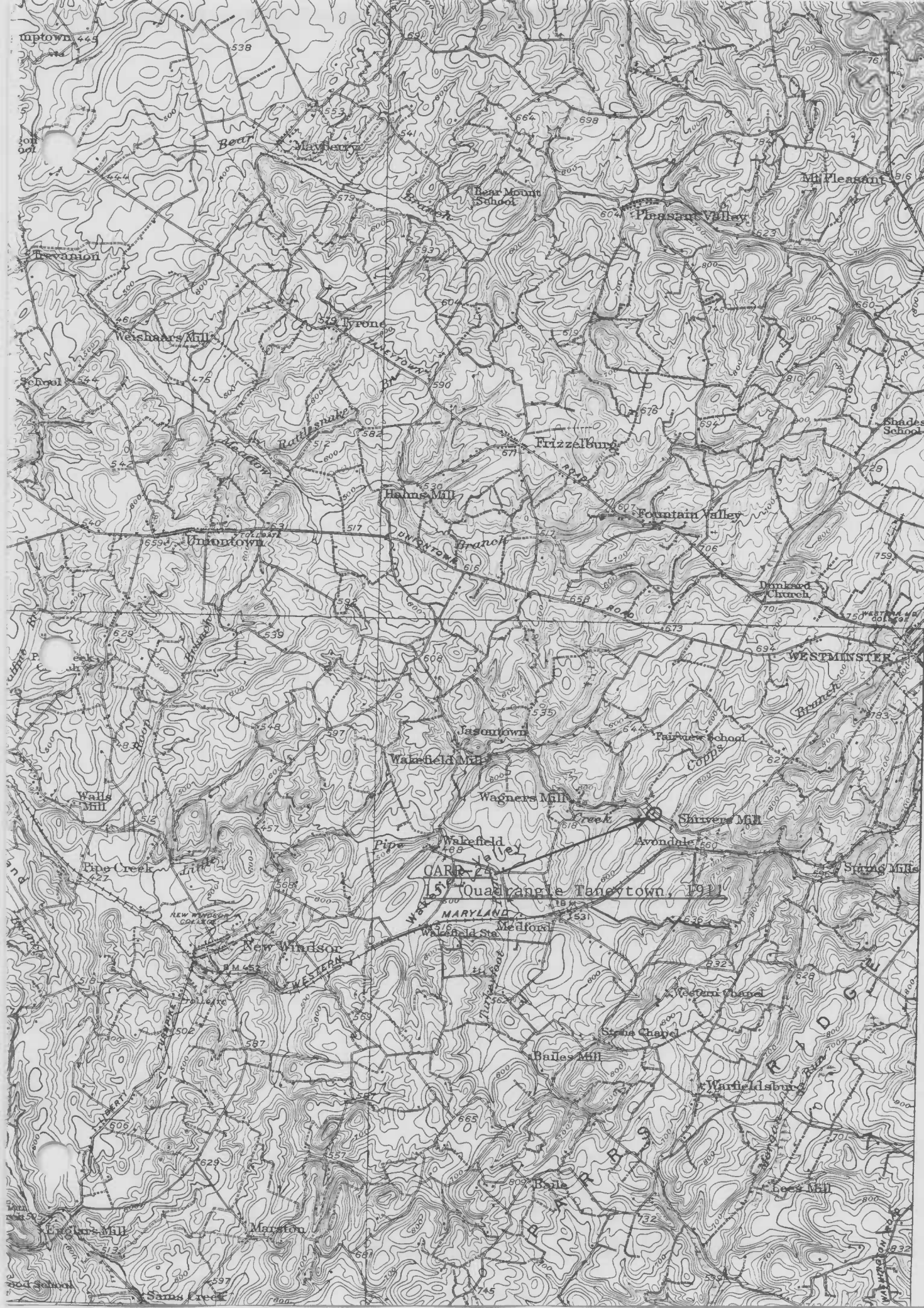
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U.S.G.S. MAP
NEW WINDSOR, MD.
1:24000 SCALE

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Farm Content
1221 Old New Windsor Road
New Windsor Quadrangle, 1963, Photorevised 1971

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1 - "Farm Content" showing the
a sectioned plan with the
a car porch. Photo c. 1890



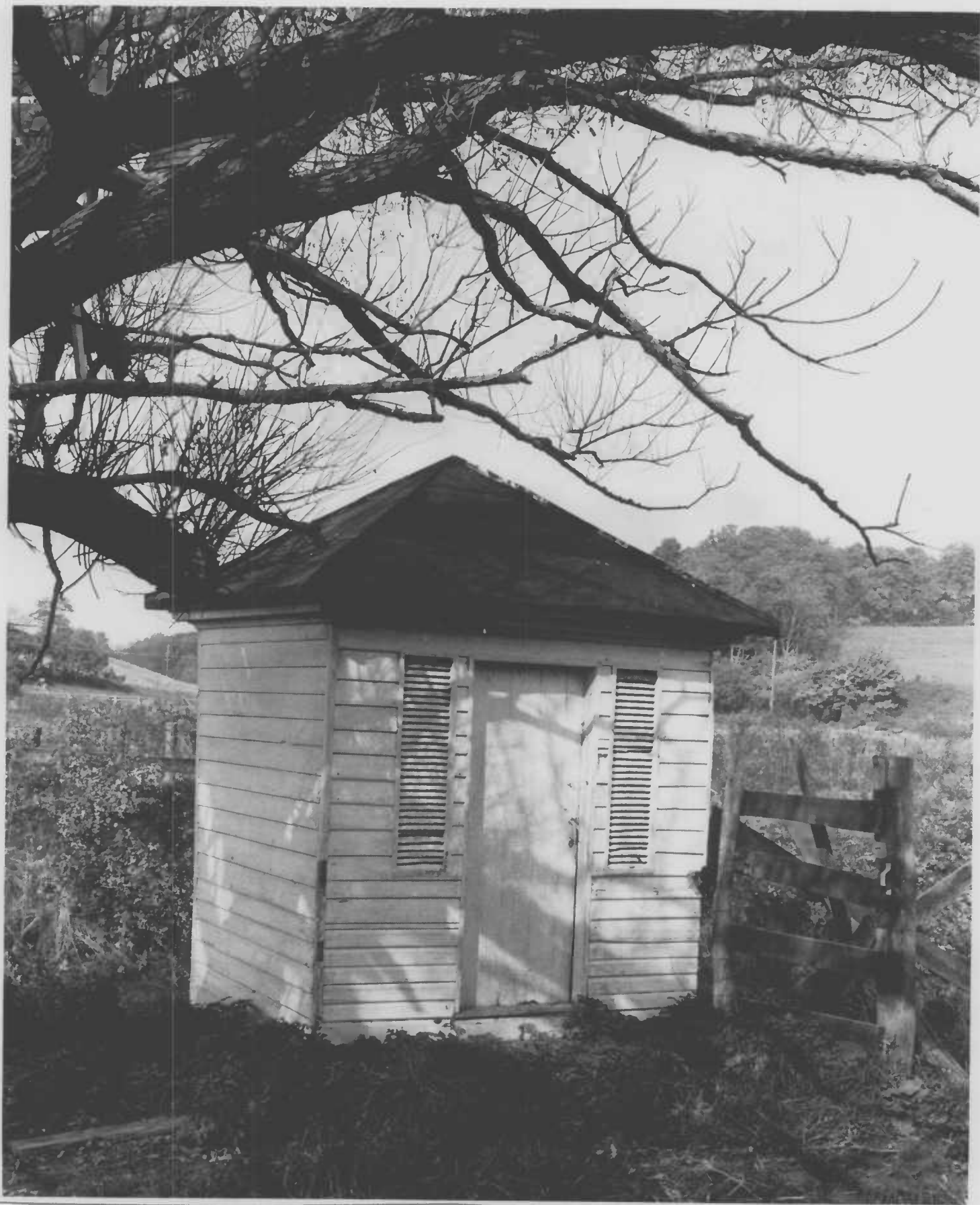
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1. CARR-24 FARM CONTENT
2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. August 1983
5. Md. Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. East elevation (camera facing west)
7. 1/1